



Bridger Special CWD Hunt Area Legal Description (12/15/17 – 2/15/18) – Beginning with the intersection of US Highway 212 and the Roberts-Cooney Road at Roberts, then north on the Roberts-Cooney Road to the Cooney Dam Road, then northwest on said road to the Carbon County line, then east, north, and south on said line to Sage Creek (on the Crow Indian Reservation south boundary), then southeast up said creek to the Sage Creek/Crooked Creek divide, then south down Crooked Creek to the Montana/Wyoming border, then west on said border to Custer/Gallatin National Forest exterior boundary, then north and west on said boundary to US Highway 212, then north on said highway to the Roberts-Cooney Road at Roberts, the point of beginning.

Special Regulations for the Bridger Special CWD Hunt. Violation of these special regulations is punishable under Commission rules and regulations.

- The Bridger Special CWD Hunt will occur only within the defined Initial Response Area (IRA) as shown and described on the map between December 15, 2017 and February 15, 2018.
- The Special CWD Hunt is open to any legal weapon.
- All harvested animals must be checked at the Joliet FWP Special CWD Hunt Check Station, at Region 5 Headquarters in Billings, or as otherwise arranged with FWP staff within three days of harvest. The check station is in Joliet, and will be open from 10:00 to one hour after sunset daily except Christmas, New Years, and Martin Luther King days. Region 5 Headquarters will be open 8AM to 5PM on weekdays, and is located at 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, Ph. 406-247-2940.
- To prevent the spread of CWD, whole carcasses or whole heads and/or spinal columns may not be taken out of Carbon or Yellowstone Counties (the Transport Restriction Zone or TRZ) unless the animal has tested negative for CWD.
- If you harvest an animal you will be required to document the exact location of the kill using a GPS device, a USGS Topographic Map, or on the map at FWP when you check your animal.
- All deer harvested during the Special CWD Hunt must be sampled for CWD. Species, sex and age of the animal will be recorded and retropharyngeal lymph nodes or the brain stem, a tooth for aging, and a genetic sample will be collected. Hunters who quarter or bone out their animal in the field must bring the head to the check station, regional headquarters or other arranged location for inspection. Deer will be tagged with a plastic tag reading "MTFWP CWD TEST" and a unique identification number.

Further Hunt Information:

- If you check in an animal you will be given a card with the unique identification number so that you can look up test results on the FWP website at: fwp.mt.gov/CWD. Test results are usually available in about 10 days.
- Updates on hunt progress will be available every Tuesday at: fwp.mt.gov/CWD.
- The spinal column may be left in the field at the kill site with landowner permission. Carcass parts that may be removed from the TRZ include:
 - meat that is cut and wrapped or meat that has been separated from the bone.
 - quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
 - hides with no heads attached
 - skull plates or antlers with no meat or tissue attached
 - skulls that have been boiled and cleaned to remove flesh and tissue
- To reduce risk of CWD spread, hunters are strongly encouraged to dispose of hides, bones and trimmings at approved landfills.
- A Special CWD Hunt does not grant hunter access to any private land. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt on private land.
- The Special CWD Hunt will end once pre-determined goals for sample size and sampling distribution have been met. FWP will publicize the end of the hunt by contacting hunters who purchased licenses and through press releases, social media, the FWP website, radio, TV, and other venues.
- You are encouraged to take precautions, including using gloves and eye protection, minimizing the handling of brain and spinal tissues, washing hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing an animal, and avoiding the consumption of brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes of harvested animals.